

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

App. No. : 10/605,764 Confirmation No. 2763
Applicant : Yoshifumi Kachi, et al.
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Examiner : Timothy M. Speer
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Customer No. : 29453

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office action of August 23, 2006 Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species **a)** as identified by the Examiner. (This response is without traverse.) Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 14 are believed to encompass the elected species. Claim 1 is generic, as noted in the Office action, claims 5 and 9 depend directly from claim 1, and claim 13 depends from claim 9. Thus, claim 1 and its dependent claims encompass, without containing the limitations of, the elected species.

(This reply is being filed on September 25, 2006, the first business day following the Saturday September 23, 2006 date that is one calendar month from the mailing date of the Office action, and is therefore timely filed.)

Further in reply to the Office action, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment, which is to correct numerous instances of garbled text in the specification apart from the claims, and is therefore merely editorial.

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.